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This bulletin presents the latest Police and Criminal Evidence Order (PACE) statistics for the Police Service of Northern Ireland as required by statute. Reported are the number of persons detained under PACE. Excluded are those detained under legislation other than PACE, for example the Terrorism Act or Mental Health legislation.

Contents: The following statistics on the use of PACE by the PSNI during 2015/16 are contained in this report;

- i) Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order – Article 5 Persons and Vehicles Searched**
- ii) Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order – Article 6 Road Checks**
- iii) Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order – Detention statistics 2015/16**

The detention statistics data are also presented by PSNI Custody Suite in Annex One.

Please note that these statistics are based on a count of detainees' custody numbers in each custody suite and relate to the period of original detention only. Figures are provisional and subject to minor amendment.

i) Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order – Article 5 Persons and Vehicles Searched

Table 1: Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order – Article 5 Persons and Vehicles Searched 2015/16

		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Stolen Property / Articles	Searches	271	267	372	322	342	454	559	488	385	389	476	355	4,680
	Arrests ¹	41	40	78	52	39	66	55	53	36	38	55	31	584
Offensive Weapon / Blade or Point	Searches	111	91	121	108	112	113	124	105	87	107	82	69	1,230
	Arrests ¹	33	29	30	33	31	28	30	27	29	24	29	14	337
Going Equipped / Prohibited Articles	Searches	185	129	184	144	181	180	267	203	167	125	187	157	2,109
	Arrests ¹	21	17	23	17	26	36	28	37	21	14	25	18	283
Fireworks	Searches	0	1	0	1	3	30	252	18	5	0	0	1	311
	Arrests ¹	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	1	7
Total	Searches	567	488	677	575	638	777	1,202	814	644	621	745	582	8,330
	Arrests ¹	95	86	131	102	96	132	116	117	87	76	109	64	1,211

¹ Arrests as a result of search

ii) Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order – Article 6 Road Checks

There were 41 road checks authorised in 2015/16, all of which were for the purpose of ascertaining whether a vehicle was carrying a witness to an indictable offence.

iii) Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order – Detention statistics 2015/16

Table 2: Arrests under PACE by Gender and whether requests for friends / relatives or a solicitor were made, for each Quarter during 2015/16.

	Arrests Under PACE			Requests	
	Totals*	Gender		Friend/Relative etc.	Solicitor
		Male	Female		
Quarter 1 April-June	6,175	5,263	910	1,493	3,620
Quarter 2 July-September	6,333	5,387	945	1,607	3,744
Quarter 3 October-December	6,097	5,126	971	1,529	3,564
Quarter 4 January-March	5,605	4,729	874	1,436	3,331
TOTAL	24,210	20,505	3,700	6,065	14,259

* 5 transgender persons are included in "Totals"

Extended Detention: During 2015/16 there were 63 persons who were detained in police custody for more than 24 hours and released without charge.

Magistrate's Warrants: There were 39 applications to Magistrates Courts for warrants of further detention, all of which were granted. Seven of these applications were for 24 hours or less, 5 were for between 25 and 35 hours and the other 27 were for a period of 36 hours. Of the 39 applications to Magistrates Courts for warrants of further detention 5 of these were for a second warrant of further detention. Of the 34 persons subject to a warrant of further detention, 8 spent less than 24 hours under its authority, while 22 spent between 24 hours and 36 hours and the remaining 4 persons were detained over 36 hours under the authority of these warrants. 22 persons were subsequently charged.

Intimate Searches: There were no intimate searches carried out by a suitably qualified person during 2015/16.

X-rays & ultrasound scans: During 2015/16 one x-ray was carried out. No ultrasounds were recorded.

Annex One

PACE Detention statistics by PSNI Custody Suite 2015/16

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	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
Antrim Custody ⁽¹⁾	644	608	0	0	1,252
Armagh Custody	377	456	429	378	1,640
Banbridge Custody ⁽¹⁾	80	0	0	0	80
Bangor Custody ⁽¹⁾	68	307	506	433	1,314
Coleraine Custody	463	537	665	560	2,225
Dungannon Custody	325	326	315	301	1,267
Enniskillen Custody	244	259	250	256	1,009
Lurgan Custody	545	547	538	446	2,076
Musgrave Street Custody	2,455	2,241	2,381	2,310	9,387
Omagh Custody	233	235	268	233	969
Strabane Custody	199	219	151	107	676
Strand Road Custody	542	598	594	581	2,315
Total	6,175	6,333	6,097	5,605	24,210

(1) Antrim Custody suite was closed for refurbishments during quarters 3 and 4. Banbridge Custody suite was closed for refurbishments during a period of quarter 1 as well as quarters 2, 3 and 4. Bangor Custody suite was closed for refurbishments for a period of time during quarter 1.

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Source: Statistics Branch, Police Service of Northern Ireland, Lisnasharragh